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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. On 22 May 1954, it was learned that six KVP troop-training grounds were scheduled to be constructed throughout East Germany. The location and size of the individual installations are unknown.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. In mid-May 1954, it was learned that a KVP artillery range, 4 kilometers long, was under construction between the Markgrafenheide and Graal in the area of Rostocker Heide (heath), northeast of Rostock. The installation extended from Heiligensee to Wiedort/Rosenort and was cordoned off by KVPs. Hutments were being set up near Rosenort.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. On 27 May 1954, it was learned that a construction project of Bauunion Kueste was located in the area northwest of Rathenow about 10 kilometers north of Wudicke. The labor force employed at the site included civilian workers and VPs who bivouacked in tents. The VPs came from Grenienburg. At the time of observation, some of the civilian workers were building artesian wells, while the VPs constructed light circuits and telephone lines. Dummy guns and infantry targets were seen at several points in the area.<sup>3</sup>
4. Bauunion Kueste improved a VP training grounds in the Kletz-Ferchels-Mahlitz area. Since 20 May 1954, numerous hutments had been set up. The approaches were improved, field emplacements excavated and circuits extended. Part of the building materials was supplied by barge to Rathenow from where it was trucked by VPs to the building site.<sup>3</sup>


1. Comment. Available KVP training grounds and target ranges include the Jaegertruedeck training grounds, the Weisswasser training grounds, the Stallsdorf artillery range, and the Zingst AAA range. Installations under construction include the Kletz-Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds and the Rosenort artillery range in Rostocker Heide. 25X1

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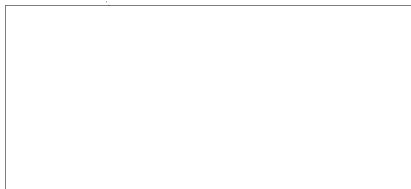
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2.  Comment. After 1945 this area had been used for a time as an artillery range by Soviet troops. It is believed that a KVP AT range is under construction.

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3.  Comment. Bauunion Kueste is one of the Bauunion firms which work for the KVP. It is believed that the training grounds is being earmarked for the Mechanized Division Potsdam.

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